

Area Board IX SB 1270 Focus Group

Where: Tri-Counties Regional Center Annex there will also be Video Conferencing from San Luis Obispo and Oxnard Tri-Counties Regional Center

When: April 4th from 10am- 12 noon

Featured Presenters: Omar Noorzad, Executive Director of Tri-counties Regional Center and Marcia Eichelberger, Chair of the Area Board IX

Area Board IX is holding a focus group on the proposed recommendations for changes to non-residential services as required by SB 1270

Background: In 2006 Gov. Schwarzenegger signed SB 1270 requiring that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities bring together interested people and stakeholders to look at ways to improve the non-residential services, supports and employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities with the Area Boards on Developmental Disabilities have put together a series of focus groups to provide an opportunity for the community to comment on the draft recommendations, make suggestions and to ask questions. The focus group material will be brought to the stakeholder group who will then compile into a report a list of proposed recommendations that goes to State Legislature and Governor.

The draft recommendations are as follows:

1. Expand people's opportunities in social, recreational and volunteer activities
2. Expand work opportunities in the community
3. Help make government jobs more open to people with disabilities
4. Increase the use of creative ideas like vouchers, and self-directed services
5. Look at successful models in California and other states
6. Find ways to help make things work better by making changes to regulations and funding

This is a great opportunity to provide feedback and be part of the legislative process. For further information, please contact the Area Board IX on 805 685 8395. For those unable to attend and want to provide feedback, visit the State Council on Developmental Disabilities webpage at www.scdd.ca.gov